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**SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY
PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

**Camp
Heart Bar**



“Can Do”

**Camp Heart Bar
46101 State Highway 38
Angelus Oaks**

Hearth Bar is a cooperative program between the San Bernardino County Schools, Human Services System, The U.S. Forest Service and the San Bernardino County Probation Department. It is located in the San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear at an elevation of 6,500 feet.

The program is an intense high-impact 90-day work program that seeks to target youth that would benefit from early intervention. It focuses on youth 16-17 years of age who typically have had one or two previous property offenses or a 17-year-old youth who had successfully completed a prior placement and is now reaching 18 years old.

CRITERIA

The characteristics for appropriate placement in the program are those youths needing a highly structured out-of-home placement in a remote setting.

- Minor shall not have a history of arson, sexual deviancy or pose a suicide risk.
- Minor must not have a medical condition that would prevent him from engaging in strenuous outdoor work.
- Minor must have at least six months custody time available.
- Minor must have the mental capability to benefit from the treatment and education program.
- It is preferred that minor have support of his family.
- The minor must be motivated to make positive changes in his lifestyle in a demanding physical environment.

PURPOSE

The purpose of Camp Heart Bar is to challenge each young man to participate in a program of work, education and life skills that can instill in him a sense of discipline, self-confidence and work ethic. The program emphasis is on growth in learning responsibilities as an individual and as a team member.

The Forestry component will promote a good work ethic and self-esteem through the completion of a variety of community projects such as road maintenance, recreational site cleaning and ecosystem resource management.

SCHOOL

The School Program is provided by the San Bernardino County Juvenile Court School and is administered by the County Superintendent of Schools.

A full-time credentialed teacher will provide the education component. Major focus will be on the completion of requirements for a high school diploma or G.E.D. Environmental education will be integrated into the curriculum.

The schedule of academic work is established on an individual basis.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The U.S. Forest Service provides liaison personnel for purposes of providing work site project development, expertise in land management practices, proper tool usage and maintenance.

Religious services will be conducted weekly by Volunteers in Probation (VIPs) as assigned by the Spiritual Concerns Committee.

Volunteers in Probation and Associate Probation Officers are also attached to the program and will assist with various program components.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. To provide protection for the community in a cost-effective and long range manner
2. To provide a safe environment for minors to enhance their self-discipline and decision-making skills
3. To assist each minor in continuing his academic education
4. To develop an awareness of their civic responsibility by engaging in community work projects
5. To improve a minor's job skills through hands-on community work that fosters the development of work habits, social skills and a sense of pride
6. To assist the minor in returning to the community as a productive citizen with the support and supervision of the aftercare phase